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A HALF-CASTE THIEF

A FAMOUS RUBY FROM A
FETH AVE. MERCHANT
AND TAKEN IT TO AN
INJAMO NITHE JAMA SEA.
TOU MUST RETURN THAT
RUBY TO ITS OWNER
WHO WORSHIP IT, RISE
AGAINST THE
MITTE FACE
IN THE
SOUTH SEAS.

WITH YOU, WYSON, USE
IT WISELY, AND NOW,
GOOD-BY UNTIL YOU
FIND THE RUBY

I SWALL START
IMMEDIATELY,
HONOREO SIR













ASBAT AND A MAN CALLED THE TIGER MASK RAIDED OUR PEARL CULTURE STATION ON LOST ISLAND, THEY KINDAPPED MY UNCLE TO TORTURE HIM, AND PUT ME AORIFT ON THIS RAPT!

























MEANWHILE, IN SINGAPORE, THE TIEGE MAN MEETS WITH MS MEMCHANNEY!

I TOLD TOUT D

MAKE SURE THIS

BOWNED I SPRITT

IS HEIDING HER

BOWNED I HAWE RECEIVED I

WORD

NATIVES MAKE ME MAD, THAT GIRL MUST BE PUT OUT OF THE WAY AND PROM A MAN WHO DEFEATED OUR WAR PARTY. HE KILLED A WHALE WITH A THUNDERBOLT OF THE PARTY HE WILL SPIRIT WE'LL KILLHIM TOO!











MY POOR OLD FATHER—
WHARF ROBBERS HAVE KIDNAPPED
HIM AND EVEN NOW ARE TOKTURING
HIM ON THEIR BOAT NEARBY TO
MAKE HIM TELL WHERE
HIS GOLD IS HIDDEN



































DEATH. THE RED RUB

WILL LEAVE ATRAIL OF





































DEAD? NO - HIS IDEA WAS TO GET YOU OUT OF THE WAY SO HE COULD RUN A CROOKED BUSINESS. THE POLICE WILL BE GLAD TO SEE



YES, THE RUBY MUST

BE RETURNED TO ITS

DU HAVE DONE WELL, BUT HERE IS MUCH MORE TO E DONE BEFORE EVIL AND OPPRESSION ARE WIPED DUT. I SHALL RETURN SOON WITH NEW

WHAT NEW ADVENTURES AMOUT FLASH LIGHTHING IN HIS WAR AGAINST CRIME? WHERE WILL THE OLD MAN SEND HIM NEED DON'T MISS THE NEXT ISSUED? SURE-FIRE COMICS!



















































FOOLS! TO THINK YOU
COULD GET THESE PLAN.
I, THE LEADER, WILL
FOR COULD SAME OF THE PLAN O















TERROR TRUST!















THAT NIGHT, AT HIS MAKE-UP TABLE WITH A ROGUE'S GALLERY PHOTOGRAP BEFORE HIM X APPLIES A PLASTIC SUBSTANCE TO HIS



















































































PLEASANT DREAMS.

































BACK INTO THE LOCKER ROOM, QUICK OR I'LL BLOW OFF YOUR HEADS

HAH / JOLLY LET PARKS OUT

FIIN I'D SAY

AND PUT THESE THINGS ON HIM

THE COPS! WHAT WHAT

WHAT—THOSE THREE—LAWRENCE WRIGHT, — DR. RAMSEY AND PROFESSOR PARKS—THE TERROR TRUST GEE COMMISSIONER YOU TOOK AN AWFUL CHANCE

TESTIMONY WILL CONVICT THEM ALL



HOW DID-X! IT'S YOU' FOLLOWED THE RAID

AND I PROMISED YOU A STORY, SO LET'S EAT AND I'LL GIVE YOU THE EXCLUSIVE ON HOW THE TRUST WAS SMASHEL

02 0VA ENDS ANOTHER ADVENTURE IN THE LIFE OFX THE PHANTON FO DON'T MISS

THE NEXT ISSUE FOR MARE HAIR RAKING THRULL IN X'S FIGHT ON ORGANIZE CRIME .



DIAL, TO PROJECT HIMSELF INTO THE FUTURE AND, BY A SIMILAR OPERATION, TO RETURN TO THE PRESENT DAY, AS WE BEGIN, WHIZ IS IN HIS LABORATORY















































































DON'T MISS MARYO'S THRILLING-ADVENTURES IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF SURE-FIRE COMICS

Clues that Caught Criminals

TASTERS OF MURDER! Many there are in who have cumplically taken the lives of their fellow human beings But few have ever achieved the world-wide notoriety of Doctor H. H. Crippen Crippen possessed talent in the black art of death He plotted the perfect murder, a masterpiece thought out in every detail He selected as his medium of destruction a rare and deadly posson which had

never been used by a killer before Crimen's victim was his wafe, the young and beautiful Belle Elmore But to Crippen she was no longer beautiful, for me had grown tired of her. From the time his wife began to upbraid him for

his coldness. Crippen must have plotted his deed, But he was too clever to make any obviously false move. He wanted till Belle Elmore herself began to build up a proper setting for the thing he had in mind. Desperate and unhappy, she got into the habit

Several times when he made quiet but caustic comments she threatened to leave home and not tell where she was going Once or twice their mutual away in his twisted, cunning mind If his wife, the former Belle Elmore, should suddenly disappear, be would have a ready-made explanation for his friends. Crippen was an American by birth and citizenship, but his company had sent him to England for with many strange chemicals and potsons which he sold by the firm he worked for He and his wife were settled in London for several months, and it was there, on a bleak January day, that Doctor

He and Mrs Crippen entertained guests at their house. Cropen was never more sunve and polite, his wife's unhappy looks with spft-spoken phrases The guests left about eleven, however, with the impression that Mrs. Crupen might make good her her if she had For Mrs Crappen was never seen

alive again No one knew what had imprened, Orippen said ture of a man who has been deserted by his wife and is too retiring to speak of it. Some of his friends tried to make tartfully comforting comments

But others who were not friends and did not usderstand about the trouble between the Crimorns began to ask questions Crippen had a ready answer -the second explanation he had so cleverly thought up A member of a woman's club to which Mrz. apparently by Mrs Crippen It tendered her remenato America on a few hours notice to take care of a

The club member spread the news. This was

posselly from Mrs. Crippen, was typewritten and signed "Belle Elmore, per pro H H C." This caused

Days passed, and Doctor Crippen had many secret meetings with his new affinity. Mrs. Crippen's sucden disappearance was being accepted in all quartera She had one lady friend in the club, however,

tion on Belfe's trip to America Doctor Crippen was His criminal mind told him that this lady might make a numance of herself. When she came back a few days later Crippen remarked that he had that veloped a slight inflammation of the hines Months went past. From time to time Doctor

a desperate fight for her life. He said he was expectfine a cable any moment. Then came a day when Crippen announced that

he had received word of his wife's death. He made a hold stroke and actually inserted a notice of his wife's demuse in a London paper. In June of the told his landlord he was leaving the house where he and his wife had lived. Dorter Crimen moved The incident of his wife's disappearance and death

But an American business associate of Crippen's eame to London. He had known Croppen's wife and wife's death aroused his suspicions. This man went might be well to investigate a bit An inspector went to interview Crippen The doctor's composure was unbreakable, but gross-surestioning broke some of his story down. He became

confidential at once. Here was a situation he had anticipated all along. He had a means of connec-"Til be frank," he said. "All my atories about my wife's illness and death are less. She simply yare away from her home-and so far as I know she is

not dead at all" Crippen's friends were questioned They corroberated the fact that Mrs. Croppen had threatened to leave The doctor, they said, had obviously told lies to protect his wife's name and prevent scandal But Prosst, one of the most famous manhunters in

England, decided to continue the investigation

PhiliPEN told Proper the same story. He had told hee he said to save his wife's good name. "That is all very well." Front replied, "but we must find her. In England we don't let people drop out of sight without a search, at least The net was now closing about Crippen, but he still felt secure. He thought he had covered has tracks too well ever to be caught. He did not know

that Froest and two constables went quertly to his old house and searched the premises from top to Crippen's explanation to the world. Thamore, sup- bottom, Experienced manhanters, they did not stop



what they found justified their labors. For, in a bed of quickline, were several organs obviously from a burnan body. These gruesome relies were turned over to Sir William Wikon, one of the greatest living toxicole-

guits. At the same time Crippen was notified. He strugged and emiled, "Merely nantomical repeirsent I obtained from a clinic," he stated, "I used the lims to get rid of them."

Freest, in spile of Crippen's gith explanation, was now convinced of the dector's guilt. But he was at a loss how to proceed. How could be greve that those remains in the cellar were not just 'anatomical speciments' as Crippen and they were' Crippen, enough the project on all sides, took

entities into his own hands. With his new lady frend disgussed in boy's clothing he set sail on tha steaming Montone for Canada. Frost learned of this through one of his detective. He still hesitated, Crippen seemed to him dammably guilty, but it might never be proven that he killed his wife. ably the sound semanhand minime ever recorded.

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